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"Graham Not Substitute," says a heading in the Bellows Falls Times. No, he is the real thing.

This "no war but no peace" arrangement between Germany and Russia is starting to make trouble already, as it was bound to do.

It was 20 years ago yesterday that the U. S. battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. Germany was not suspected in those days.

The frightful loss of babies' lives in the Grey nunnery fire at Montreal raises the question whether proper regulation is always afforded these large institutions. In the institution in question nearly a thousand human beings were quartered.

When we read that it may be possible to open the public schools of Worcester, Mass., on March 1, if the present promise of fuel is fulfilled, we are inclined to think that we in Vermont do not appreciate how well off we are with respect to fuel.

Just such a little rumor as, for instance, that Russia was coming back into the war on the side of the allies sent the stock market in New York into a paroxysm of joy, showing that a small thing it takes to arouse money's enthusiasm.

The proposed abandonment of Camp Greene adds strength to the recent report that Fort Ethan Allen is to be developed into a still greater camp. The sandy soil of the Fort Ethan Allen reservation is much in contrast to the heavy clay of North Carolina.

There will be fewer of the Bolo Pasha stripe to show their heads in France after this Bolo Pasha has been stood up against a blank wall. The United States, too, will have far less trouble with this class of vultures as soon as it makes a lesson out of a proven case of treason.

The executive committee of the Vermont Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has given its official recognition of the need of a tuberculosis hospital in Washington county by donating a small sum of money to be devoted to the establishment of such an institution. Therefore, it seems to be time for people in Washington county to consider the matter seriously.

Lieut. Archibald Roosevelt, who is now serving with the American forces in France, has been jumped over one grade and is now a full-ledged captain. There was plenty of Roosevelt precedent for jumping grades, for it was Theodore Roosevelt who jumped Leonard B. Wood over some 55 officers who, in the normal course of promotion, would have been advanced by slow process. Major General Wood's promotion, however, is now loudly praised where it once was severely criticized. We have no doubt that young Roosevelt has earned his promotion from second lieutenant to captain during his service in France and, furthermore, that he will fully justify the act when the pinch comes.

The tragic death of Capt. Vernon Castle by a fall with an airplane at the United States aerial training ground near Fort Worth, Tex., calls sharply to attention that, experienced or not, we human beings have not yet wholly gained the mastery of the air. Capt. Castle was perhaps as well trained in locomotion through the air as any man in the United States, and perhaps in Europe too, because he had been flying for several years and had seen war service on the western front in Europe. It was while he was attempting a very difficult movement in order to avoid collision that he lost control of his machine and was dashed to the ground. The aeroplane is not yet as safe a vehicle of travel as the automobile in spite of the protestations on the part of some aviators that it is as safe.

No explanation has been made as yet how it happened that a German submarine was lying in wait for the transports off the northern coast of Ireland, although the statement has been made that the attack was probably due to a chance attack as the U-boat was coursing about in that vicinity seeking any and all kinds of prey. Despite that statement there is still a possibility that the German admiral did receive some information that transports carrying American soldiers were going by the northern route and that submarines were dispatched to that route in order to send their deadly projectiles into the hulls of the great vessels. The sinking of the Tuscania has not yet been sufficiently explained, that is, to the satisfaction of all the American people. Many are wanting to know if there are still some leaks in Washington and some unknown means of communication to Germany.

The action of the government of Spain

in deciding to restrict its shipping to coastwise traffic is a rather disquieting development from the standpoint of the allies because it might be inferred therefrom that the German submarine peril is growing in its menace rather than diminishing, as has been reported. The reason for Spain's action was, of course, the fear for the safety of her shipping from the indiscriminate attacks of the U-boats, and inasmuch as Spain has got along for three and a half years without restricting her traffic the wonder naturally rises whether the submarines are threatening to get the upper hand of all shipping in the waters contiguous to Europe. It may be that Germany is simply becoming more lawless than ever and, in rage, is attacking the ships of her friends as well as her foes, Spain being heretofore reckoned as a friend of the kaiser.

THE BOYS' WORKING RESERVE.

A movement is on foot to enlist American boys in the United States boys' working reserve, the enrollment being for work on the farms and in the shops. The national enrollment week will start on Monday, March 18, and will continue for six days, the desire being to get boys of fit age and physical condition to do their part in some industry toward winning the war. While their older brothers are off at the front or in the training camps, these youngsters will be called upon to work in some productive occupation to back up the soldiers and sailors. It should be borne in mind that this is a non-military organization, and the boys who enlist in the reserve will be called upon to do work only in shops or on the farms. For Vermont boys to enroll in the United States boys' working reserve they must make application to the state director of the work, who is C. C. Barnes of Norwich university, Northfield, who, it is presumed, will give whatever further instructions are necessary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Support of County Tuberculosis Hospital.

Editor, Times: Will you please permit me through the columns of your paper to draw the attention of the voters of our city to a matter of great importance, which may not be generally known and by some may have been forgotten, but which nevertheless will have to be acted on at our March election.

The matter I have in mind is the bill introduced at the last session of the general assembly by our representative, Mr. Howland. It was enacted into law and is known as "An act to provide for the establishment of county hospitals for tuberculosis."

At a public hearing the bill was strongly endorsed by men from all walks of life, representing agriculture, manufacturing, the professions, benevolent, fraternal and labor organizations, and while it was thought that some of our counties might get along without such a hospital, it was generally admitted that Washington county certainly stood in need of such an institution. It was further recognized and admitted that sufferers were among the greatest of them from this dread disease. I am of the opinion that our legislators, while looking to the interests of the whole state, had the granite industry in mind particularly when they passed this bill.

I am informed from good authority that the only condition required to bring the question to a vote has been (or certainly will be) complied with. Believing that every voter in the county should give careful consideration to this question, few, if any, negative votes should be cast in such places as Barre, Barre Town, Montpelier, Northfield, Waterbury and several other places. The question must appeal particularly to the granite worker, both employee and employer, and the stability of the granite industry makes for the well being of the county as a whole.

I understand that the state, in allowing as much as \$10 per week for the maintenance of such patients as are unable to pay for their treatment in the hospital, is going a long way to encourage the building and equipping of such institutions where they are most needed, but it must be remembered that the citizens must first decide if they want them, and that will be determined by a yes or no vote. A majority vote in the affirmative will enable us to supply one of our greatest day-greatest needs.

Now, Mr. Editor, while only desiring at this time to bring the matter to the attention of the voters, I believe you could render a public service which many would appreciate if you would publish this act in full, thereby giving every citizen an opportunity to vote intelligently.

Angus McDonald.
 24 Laurel street, Barre.

CURRENT COMMENT

Propaganda Work.

A determined propaganda in behalf of the Rev. C. H. Waldron, the Windsor Baptist minister, who was tried recently in Brattleboro on charge of interfering willfully and feloniously with the military forces of the United States by causing insubordination and disloyalty through his teaching of the Bible to the young men in his class, a trial which ended in disgracement of the jury and is slated for retrial here Feb. 26, is under way.

We find in our mail a lengthy review of the case and appeal on behalf of the so-called "pacifist pastor" as a victim of war "hysteria" sent out by the "League of Democratic Control," an organization with headquarters in Boston.

The league expresses itself that the principle of religious liberty is involved. It has invested considerable money and trouble to get its views to the newspapers of the state. The "League of Democratic Control" was never very much heard of, even in Boston, where it has headquarters, until the so-called Socialist riot there last fall, when certain men in the uniform of the army and navy of the United States took exception to certain flags and banners carried by the marchers in a Socialist parade, which seemed to them insulting, and a disturbance resulted.

The general public and the press seemed to think that those who flaunted sentiments insulting the U. S. flag and those who wear its uniforms got about what they deserved.

At that time the "League of Democratic Control" first took the side of the Socialists and pacifists.

Harold L. Rotzel signs his name as organizing secretary to the present communication.—Burlington News.

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Business as Usual in the Hollow.

J. N. Ballard, the hermit, traded his noted paper, "Grim Death," to Hartley Southern, for a Swiss rifle, an imitation gold watch and some money. Southern intends to enter the races next fall.—Skunk Hollow item.

Don't be too nice. It is such an impediment to usefulness as stuttering is to speech—a sort of spiritual indigestion; a hesitation in your carburetor. By all means be a gentleman, in manner and spirit, in so far as you know how, but be one from the inside out.—"E. S. M." in the Atlantic Monthly for October, 1912.

Or, as you might say, it is nice to be nice, but it isn't nice to be too nice.

Appropos of the lines by W. H. M. in a recent Col. "let us carry on," says See-Saw, who goes on to take issue with the framer of limericks by penning these lines: To refer him to Judgment Divine I'm afraid the good Lord would decline. He'd return him to France, With a note in advance.—"Stick his head in a bucket of lime."

Try "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Sign of the times: Glimpsed by R. P. in a North Main street tongsorial stand, "Hair Singing Done Here."

Add War's Lesser Horrors.

Mrs. F. A. Chamberlin broke a rib recently by reaching over an armchair, in which she was sitting, to the floor for a piece of coal. All hope it will soon be better.—East Ryegate item.

Incident of the Church Shed.

There was great excitement out back of the Congregational church last Sabbath noon when Deacon Johnson's Sunday-go-to-meeting horse was discovered wrong side up and the sleigh overturned. Levi Kelly, Frank Meserve and the ever-present Fatty Bailey were right on the spot and soon old Dobbin was in sailing order. Levi in his excitement stepped on something which proved to be the cause of all this commotion, and will you believe it, that thing was nothing less than Anna Johnson, who, after being dug out, raised to a sitting posture, blew the snow out of her mouth and exclaimed, "Law, I am alright. You just ought to see me turn around up in Franconia, where we have winter the year around." (This item is reported from hearsay evidence only.)—Newbury news.

A Dread Malady Takes Heavy Toll.

In the spelling match held in grade 8 last Friday, Hugh Albee spelled down the grade on the word, "diphtheria."—West Derby item.

Green Mountain Echoes.

There are several cases of Ger., we mean "Liberty" measles in the village. North Hartland item. Baby Jones has been having a hard pull-back.—Fletcher item. The old red shop opposite the Silsby house collapsed last Friday evening.—South Acworth item. A night and a day such as has never

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The birthday anniversaries of the men who founded and protected this republic find us this year face to face with many of the gigantic problems with which they were called to deal.

Were it not for the fact that we are fighting for the same eternal principles that inspired and actuated them, we might, indeed, at times have reason to falter; but the confidence that their spirit will guide us in a new consecration and a rededication to the same cause for which they gave their all, should strengthen and encourage us during the trying months to come.

The patriotism of Washington and Lincoln was not the noisy, conceited, impulsive kind but the thoughtful, persistent loyalty born of unconquerable souls.

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Buy War Savings Stamps.

The Peoples National Bank of Barre

A dollar a mile would speed up the pile.
 —Cristy district item.

Burlington, with a population conveniently reckoned at twice that of Barre, has a budget which calls for expenditures aggregating only \$440,349 in 1918, as against the \$304,149 which the council in this town, with a brave show of sacrifice, plans to expend in the same period. And nearly one-quarter of Burlington's budget is going for schools!

Miracles on the Mount.

Mount Hunger has a resident who has acquired a title of which any man should be proud. He has a big American heart that throbs in unison with the heart of those who desire to be released from matrimonial bondage. As a witness he proves himself to be a real "Judge," who has a vision of how the case ought to be decided. The neighborhood is also reported to have a little giant in strength—a man of 120 pounds avoirdupois who can pull a person weighing 180 pounds about the premises by the hair of the head. Wonders have not ceased to be, even in these terrible war times.—East Burke item.

Let This Carnage Cease!

WANTED—Girl operators on clean work, also men.—From the wantads.

Was it the Prophet or Tecumseh himself who told the painted folks in the western reserve that he was going to Detroit, and that when he arrived an earthquake would signify war with the palefaces? At any rate, something may be expected to drop in the not far away future, for, as the correspondent from Peth writes:

"Achille Alix has invented a bomb which can be made in any size and he has written to Washington, D. C., in regard to it, and has been referred to the war department."

Ex-Ambassador Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany" is being filmed for the movies.—Book note.

And when the film-fam kaiser says, "After the war I shall stand no nonsense from America," watch the audience reel. M. S.

Voters of the Town of Barre.

Copies of the town report may be had at the following places: F. L. Sargent, East Barre; Guy C. Howard, South Barre; W. H. Miles, Graniteville; N. J. Roberts, Barre City.

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